

Moving Product to Market: Increasing Transmission for Renewable Energy

Idaho's wind power potential greatly exceeds the state's peak electrical demand. At the same time, demand for green energy is high in neighboring states to the south and west. Unfortunately, grid constraints restrict Idaho's access to those out-of-state markets.

It's hard to imagine a scenario in which crop production – be it potatoes, sugar beets or dairy – was limited to in-state consumption. The interstate highway system allows farmers to access markets in other states. The transmission grid can and should allow the same farmers to sell renewable energy beyond Idaho's borders.

For too long, people have been asking when “they” are going to build transmission to unlock the Gem State's vast wind energy potential. A better question is why don't *we* –the wind energy community – work together to get it done?

Be part of the “*we*.” Attend the next Idaho Wind Working Group meeting which will feature speakers with a variety of important perspectives to consider, including regional & national planning underway, lessons learned and success stories from those who have done it. Plan to stay for the entire meeting which will conclude with a focused open-forum dedicated to making transmission a reality.

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Owyhee Plaza, Grand Ballroom
September 22, 2010
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda
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8:30 AM	Introduction/Welcome	Todd Haynes <i>Boise State University</i>
8:45 AM	Access to Out-of-State Markets	Rich Rayhill <i>Ridgeline Energy</i>
9:15 AM	Montana Transmission Success Story	Peggy Beltrone <i>Exergy Integrated Systems</i>
10:00 AM	Break	
10:15 AM	Panel Discussion: Western and Regional Planning Overview WECC/TEPPC/SPSC and NTTG	Commissioner Marsha Smith <i>Idaho PUC</i> Bob Anderson <i>Western Grid Group</i>
Noon	Lunch in Ivory Room	Keynote – Lane Packwood <i>Idaho Dept of Commerce</i>
1:00 PM	Idaho Power: Gateway West & B2H Update	Dave Angell <i>Idaho Power Company</i>
1:45 PM	Landowner's Perspective	Roger Findley <i>Stop Idaho Power</i>
2:30 PM	Environmental Perspective	Lara Rozzell <i>Idaho Conservation League</i>
3:30 PM	Break	
3:45 AM	<u>Open Forum</u>: Action Plan to Build Transmission	Todd Haynes (moderator)
4:30 PM	Closing Comments	Todd Haynes

About the Speakers

Rich Rayhill, *Ridgeline Energy*

Ridgeline Energy developed the Goshen II Wind Park, which is currently under construction near Idaho Falls. The 100-MW project will sell its energy to Southern California Edison.

Peggy Beltrone, *Exergy Integrated Systems*

Prior to her current role at Exergy Peggy Beltrone was a county commissioner in Cascade County, MT, where she helped to coordinate the Montana-Alberta Tie Line, a 128-mile transmission line that crossed 250 properties and unlocked an area of good wind potential.

Marsha Smith, *Idaho Public Utilities Commission*

Commissioner Marsha Smith is vice chair of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Board of Directors, chairs the WECC Compliance Committee and is a member of the Scenario Planning Steering Group for the Regional Transmission Expansion Planning Project. She represents Idaho on the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body and the State-Provincial Steering Committee.

Bob Anderson, *Western Grid Group*

Bob Anderson will provide updates on transmission planning, including Western Renewable Energy Zones (WREZ) and Regional Transmission Expansion Planning (RTEP), which is funded by the WECC.

Dave Angell, *Idaho Power Company*

Dave Angell, Idaho Power's Manager of Delivery Planning, will discuss lessons learned in siting the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) and Gateway West transmission projects, as well as the company's local transmission plans.

Roger Findley, *Stop Idaho Power*

Stop Idaho Power is a citizens group based in Ontario, OR, that objected to the proposed location of the B2H transmission line and worked with Idaho Power to find a mutually acceptable route. Roger Findley, who chairs the group, will provide a landowner's perspective on including local communities early in the planning process.

Lara Rozzell, *Idaho Conservation League*

Lara Rozzell, ICL's Public Lands and Energy Fellow, will present environmental concerns that should be considered early when proposing routes for transmission lines.

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